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SRI K. V. RAMASWAMI :—" இந்த சர்க்கரை ஆலைகளில் வெள்ளைக்காரருக்குச் சொந்தமான கம்பெனிகள் எத்தனை ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Perhaps two companies, Sir, namely, the East India Distilleries and Sugar Factories, Limited, Nellikuppam and the Deccan Sugars and Allied Products, Limited, Pandiarajapuram, in which the Britishers have got large interests."

8-40 a.m. SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" In view of the shortage of sugar, will the Government be pleased to encourage the production of refined palm jaggery? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" In several districts where sugarcane is grown jaggery is produced."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" 1952-53-ம் ஆண்டிலே உற்பத்தி மிகவும் குறைவாக காணப்படுகிறதே, அதன் காரணம் என்ன ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" That was because even the Pugalur factory was closed and there was no sugarcane available. There was also trouble between the sugarcane growers and the factory."

Repairs to the Ennore High Road, Madras.

* 782 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether there is any proposal for repairing the Ennore High Road from Tondiarpet to Tiruvottiyur, Madras?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The portion of the road in mile 6/3–8 which is slightly worn out is proposed to be provided with a wearing coat during 1954–55. The rest of the road is in fairly good condition."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister why the road has been neglected for the past twenty years? May I also know the length of the road from Tondiarpet to Tiruvottiyur and the estimated cost of its repair? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I cannot give any explanation with reference to neglect for the last twenty years. I am not responsible for it. Anyhow, I have stated that the road has been in a worn-out condition and that it has to be repaired."

Amendment to the by-laws of the Vikramasingapuram Harvey Mills Employees' Co-operative Stores.

* 783 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Registrar of Co-operative Societies received a copy of the resolution passed on 21st June 1953 by the general

body meeting of the Vikramasingapuram Harvey Mills Employees' Co-operative Stores recommending an amendment to the by-laws regarding election to the Board of Directors; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) The Registrar rejected the amendments."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" May I know why the amendment has been rejected? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" It is considered wrong in principle to admit representatives of labour unions as nominees to the Board. Leaders of workers should be selected as members of the stores in their individual capacity and not as representatives of labour unions."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" What is the resolution, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The existing provisions of the by-laws provide for the nomination of labour union representatives."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Are the Government aware that there are representatives of capitalists in co-operative societies—at least in some societies—in the State and so, is there any reason why representatives of labour should be refused representation? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" A separate question may be asked."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" Under the existing provisions, one representative of the mill management and one of the labour union are nominated and three members are elected. Now the general body of the co-operative society has made a recommendation to the Registrar that the by-law should be amended so as to constitute the Board of Directors like this—one representative of the mill management and two representatives of the labour union to be nominated and four other directors to be elected. May I know why the Government have rejected this resolution of the general body? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I have already stated the reasons. The Government have permitted the Registrar of Co-operative Societies to delete the by-law providing for the nomination of representatives of the labour union."

Development of the Laccadive and Amindivi Islands.

* 784 Q.—SRI KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE (on behalf of Sri A. Appu): Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) what orders have been passed on the report submitted by the Special Officer Sri S. Y. Krishnaswami, I.C.S., in March 1952 on the possibility of developing Laccadive and Amindivi Islands; and